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5. Immigration one cause of falling wages.
6. Free coinage would contract the currency, close factories and cause panic.
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8. Eulogy of Cleveland.
9. Failure of prices before 1873.
10. Bad effect of higher prices on laborers.
11. High wages of the present and low wages of the past.
12. Low wages in silver countries.
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"Platform must be considered more than men," said the speaker. "If not, the danger of the citizen would be plain. For William McKinley stands peerless among statesmen, and is a platform in himself. Four years ago we found the Democratic platform swung about free trade. To-day we find it saying:

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His Record on Income Tax.

Mr. Powderly then declared that he had never been in favor of the income tax, and argued that it was bad because it was evaded or shifted.

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The young German fought hard. He dragged his assailants all over the pier. In the struggle the three men got too near the edge and all fell overboard. The two would-be robbers climbed back upon the pier and escaped up Thirty-ninth street, while the young German dived into the water. He was rescued by some employees of a neighboring lumber yard and taken to the East Thirty-fifth Street Station, where he told his story.

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